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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL FUNDED BY US-OWNED RUPEES

1. THE FLOW OF SCIENTISTS BETWEEN THE US AND INDIA PROBABLY WILL INCREASE ALONG WITH RESEARCH COOPEATION AFTER THE JOINT SUBCOMMISSION ON S & T MEETS. WE EXPECT THAT THE BULK OF THIS TRAVEL, AT LEAST THAT OF THE AMERICANS, WILL BE FUNDED BY US-OWNED SPECIAL FOREIGN CURRENCY (SFC) RUPEE APPROPRIATIONS TO US AGENCIES.

2. THE INDIAN MINISTRY OF FINANCE IS SENSITIVE TO THE FACT THAT IT MUST RETURN SOME 60 PERCENT OF THE US-OWNED RUPEES USED FOR INTERNATIONAL TRAVEL TO THE CARRIER AS FOREIGN EXCHANGE. IT MAY BECOME EVEN MORE WATCHFUL AS THE VOLUME OF TRAVEL INCREASES.

3. WE BELIEVE IT IS MOST IMPORTANT THERE BE MINIMUM GOI INTERFERENCE WITH ADEQUATE TRAVEL OF US OFFICIALS AND OTHER SCIENTISTS ENGAGED IN CONDUCTING OR CONSIDERING PROGRAMS OF MUTUAL INTEREST. JUST AS THE EXPERIENCED TECHNOLOGIST ATTENDING A LARGE CONFERENCE USUALLY GETS MORE OUT OF CORRIDOR CONTACTS THAN HE DOES FROM ATTENDANCE

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AT THE LECTURES, THE BENEFITS THAT COOPERATING COUNTRIES

OBTAIN FROM THE COMPLETED REPORT OF A BINATIONAL RESEARCH PROJECT IS NORMALLY LESS THAN THOSE FROM EARLY AND CONTINUED LESS FORMAL EXCHANGES OF PERTINENT EXPERIENCE BETWEEN THE COOPERATING SPECIALISTS.

4. ALTHOUGH THERE MAY BE EXCEPTIONS, THE USE OF US-OWNED RUPEES TO SUPPORT US ATTENDANCE AT INTERNATIONAL CONFERENCES IN INDIA OR ELSEWHERE NORMALLY BRINGS LESS IMPORTANT RETURNS TO THE USA AND TO INDIA THAN CONTINUING PROGRAMS. INDIA WOULD TAKE THE GREATEST EXCEPTION TO OUR PURCHASING TICKETS FOR AMERICANS MERELY STOPPING-OFF BRIEFLY IN INDIA ON THEIR WAY SOMEWHERE ELSE. THE EMBASSY WILL CONTINUE MONITORING THESE TRIPS AS CAREFULLY AS WE CAN AND GIVING WASHINGTON OUR OPINIONS ON PRIORITIES. WE ARE CONCERNED THAT THOSE QUARTERS OF THE GOI MORE CONCERNED WITH FOREIGN EXCHANGE AVAILABILITIES THAN WITH S&T EXCHANGE WILL BE TEMPTED TO IMPOSE NEW RESTRICTIONS. UNLESS WE ARE QUITE CAREFUL AS TO HOW WE EXPEND THESE FUNDS.

5. WE FEEL, HOWEVER, THAT THE MAJOR CONTINUING DECISIONS MUST BE THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE OTHER CONCERNED AGENCIES, AND AWAIT YOUR ADVICE AS TO HOW YOU PLAN TO HANDLE THE MATTER. MOYNIHAN

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